

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**OPENING ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Meuse at 7:00 pm those presents were, Committeeman Lovell and Deputy Mayor Meuse. Mayor Jacksic was absent. Also present were DPW Supervisor Campbell, Township Attorney Cohen, and Municipal Clerk Shipps.

Flag Salute.

Deputy Mayor Meuse read the following statement.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231 setting forth the time, date, place, and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in New Jersey Herald and The Express times following the Township’s Annual Reorganization Meeting at which the 2023 meeting schedule was adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and carried to open public comment.**

No public comment

**Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and carried close public comment.**

**ORDINANCE**

**Introduction:**

2023-01 An Ordinance by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick Amending the Township of Hardwick Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 18, Flood Damage Prevention to Adopt a new Chapter, Chapter 18, Entitled Floodplain Management and Regulations; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date.

Committeeman Lovell had several concerns about the ordinance. Committeeman Lovell felt that the Zoning Officer should be the floodplain administrator. Committeeman Lovell was convinced by the township engineer that the Zoning Officer is the best person so not all residents will be charged for a floodplain review. There should be an escrow system put in place if the Zoning officer should need to flag an application that needs to be sent to the township engineer. Committeeman Lovell would like to have an amended ordinance reflecting this at a future meeting.

**Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and carried to introduce Ordinance 2023-01.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. 2023-22 Various Compensated Appointments

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to appoint various persons to fill the numerous positions of authority in the Township of Hardwick.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the following appointments effective January 1, 2023, unless noted otherwise, be made for the following offices:

**Administration**  
Deputy Registrar

Kim Collins

**Land Use**  
Board Secretary  
Extra Meeting Above 12

Kristin Shipps

**Department of Public Works**  
Equipment Operator/ Laborer  
effective January 17, 2023

Dan Harmon-

**Clean Communities**  
Recycling Coordinator

Kristin Shipps

**Emergency Management**  
911 Coordinator

Richard Motyka

**Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and approved by roll call vote: Lovell—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—absent resolution 2023-22.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Voice Over IP Service quotes** -no update

**Spring Valley Rd.**-no update

**Mallard Pond Rd.**

A discussion took place regarding Mallard Pond Road maintenance and possibly vacating the road. Discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

**Town Hall Meeting Room Ventilation** -no update

**Completion of Projects and Disbursements under the ARPA program in 2023**

Committeeman Lovell stated that the ARPA funds need to be allocated by the end of the year and monies need to start being spent for the improvements that they were dedicated for.

**Town Newsletter**

Committeemen Lovell will prepare a draft newsletter to send to the committee for review.

Committeeman Lovell would like to have information in the newsletter regarding the Affordable Housing Rehab program to get participation.

**Public Participation in the Affordable Housing Rehab Program-discussed above.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Companion Ordinance for Floodplain Management** -discussed during Ordinance 2023-01 introduction.

**Steep Slopes Ordinance** - Committeeman Lovell will forward a sample ordinance to the township attorney that he has for review and will discuss at a later meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and carried to open public comment.

Jennifer Web-writer for the Ridge View Echo asked for information regarding the Affordable Housing Rehab Program. Clerk Shipps will provide her with an application at the end of the meeting.

Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and carried to close public comment.

Committeeman Lovell requested Clerk Shipps and CFO Rolef to come up with some dates for the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectful submitted,

Kristin Shipps, RMC